(c) what are the rules for the allotment of stalls at railway stations;

(d) whether any complaints of irregularities have been received during the past one year; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It relates to allotment of tea stall a Dadar Railway Station.

(c) The procedure for allotment of stalls by Zonal Railways require applications to be invited through press notifications. Such applications are scrutinized on the Zonal Railways and after approval of the competent authority the allotment is made.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Allotment of bookstalls to unemployed graduates

2398. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ:

SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been encouraging Zonal Railways for regular allotment of bookstalls/Countertables/trollies to A.H. Wheeler & Co. only since 1960;

(b) whether it is a fact that they held 260 such stalls in the year 1961 which increased to 394 stalls and unlimited number of small stalls and trollies till the year 1984; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to allot bookstalls to unemployed graduates on these stations where A.H. Wheeler & Co. are holding bookstalls except new platforms according to the policy of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Prior to 1960, M|s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. had exclusive rights for running bookstalls over an entire Railway or over large areas of a Railway. This resulted in monopoly rights of the Company to open bookstalls and to sell books, periodicals etc. over an entire Railway or over any area. Bookstalls could, therefore, not be licensed to other contractors even at stations where M|s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. were not having bookstalls. The matter was examined in 1960 and the exclusive rights over an entire Railway or a major part thereof was reduced to only 'Sole right' at a station where they were holding contract of bookstalls. These 'Sole selling rights' have further been modified from time to time to accommodate other Bookstall contractors, especially Unemployed Graduates. At present, M|s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. (P) Ltd. have the sole selling rights on the platforms of the stations where they are holding bookstalls, including the platforms replaced due to conversion of gauge. All additional platforms constructed on or after 1-1-76 (except those constructed in replacement of the existing platforms due to gauge conversion) are available for allotment to eligible categories including unemployed graduates. As on 30-6-1962, M/s. A. H. Wheeler & Co. held 330 bookstalls and at present they are holding 391 Nos. of bookstalls.

Additional mobilisation of resources by Railways

2399. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to mobilise additional resources for Rs. 5736 crores approximately for achieving a return of 10 per cent on the capital;